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ANDY, MATEY!



**Pirates Arrr
Scurlywags!**

Want to learn about pirates? Be ye brave enough? Piracy is stealing on the high seas. The high seas are the open parts of the ocean. These waters aren't protected. They're perfect for pirates!

HOW TO SPOT A PIRATE

Picture a pirate.
What do you
imagine? Treasure?
Parrots? What about a
peg leg?

These ideas come from
movies and books.
People love pirate
stories! Some are true.
Some are not.



THE PIRATE CODE

Arrrr! Pirates broke a lot of laws. They made some up too!

Rule One

Every man votes and gets
equal food and drink.

Rule Two

Lights and candles
out at 8 P.M.

Rule Three

Keep your weapons
clean and ready.

Rule Four

No kids or women
on the ship.

Rule Five

Deserters will
be killed.

Rule Six

No one takes more
than his share!

CHAIN OF COMMAND

KNOW WHO IS IN CHARGE!

THE CAPTAIN leads the ship.

THE QUARTERMASTER hands out **gunpowder** and treasure.

THE BOATSWAIN assigns jobs to the crew.

THE GUNNER leads the men who fire the cannons.

THE CARPENTER fixes the ship.

THE COOK makes the meals.

LUCK AND

SUPERSTITION

Pirates have a lot of **superstitions**! See if you know them all!

BAD LUCK



Whistling is bad luck. One can "whistle up a storm"!



Never set sail on a Friday. Friday the 13th is the worst!



Never board a ship left foot first. Don't sneeze to the left either!

GOOD LUCK



Cats are good luck. If a cat goes overboard, a storm is coming!



A thick rope with three knots brings good wind.



Gulls and dolphins are good luck. Don't hurt them!

INFAMOUS

BLACKBEARD

REAL NAME: *Edward Teach*

YEARS AS A PIRATE: 1716-1718

LOCATION: *Atlantic Ocean*

SHIPS: *Queen Anne's
Revenge, Adventure*

Blackbeard never
used force.
He didn't have to.
Everyone was afraid of
him! Blackbeard treated his
crew well. Some say he never
hurt his prisoners.



PIRATES



CAPTAIN KIDD

REAL NAME: *William Kidd*

YEARS AS A PIRATE: *1689-1701*

LOCATION: *Caribbean Sea, Red Sea, Indian Ocean*

SHIPS: *Blessed William, Antigua, Adventure Galley*

Captain Kidd stole from French ships. But he wasn't a pirate! He was a **privateer** for Great Britain. Some say he became a pirate in 1697. A British court found him guilty in 1701.



BLACK BART

REAL NAMES: *John Roberts, Bartholomew Roberts*

YEARS AS A PIRATE: 1719–1722

LOCATION: *Atlantic Ocean*

SHIPS: *Royal Fortune, Ranger, Little Ranger, Good Fortune, Royal Rover, Puerto del Principe*

Black Bart worked near the Americas and West Africa. He was very successful. He attacked 470 ships!



CALICO JACK

REAL NAME: *John Rackham*

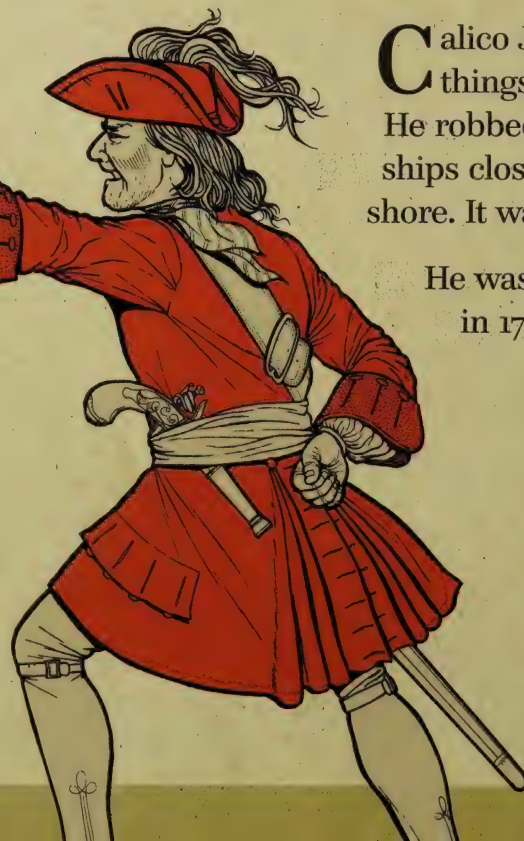
YEARS AS A PIRATE: 1717–1720

LOCATION: *Caribbean Sea*

SHIPS: *Treasure, Kingston, Revenge*

Calico Jack did things his way. He robbed small ships close to shore. It was risky!

He was hanged in 1720.



PIRATE WOMEN

Most captains didn't let women on board. But Calico Jack did!
These hardy lassies were in his crew!

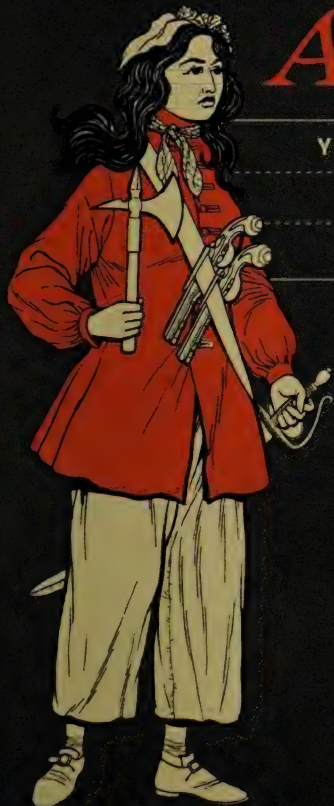
Anne Bonny

YEARS AS A PIRATE: 1718-1720

LOCATION: Caribbean Sea

SHIPS: *Revenge*

Anne Bonny married young. Her husband just wanted her father's money. Bonny met Calico Jack in the Bahamas. She left her husband and became a pirate!



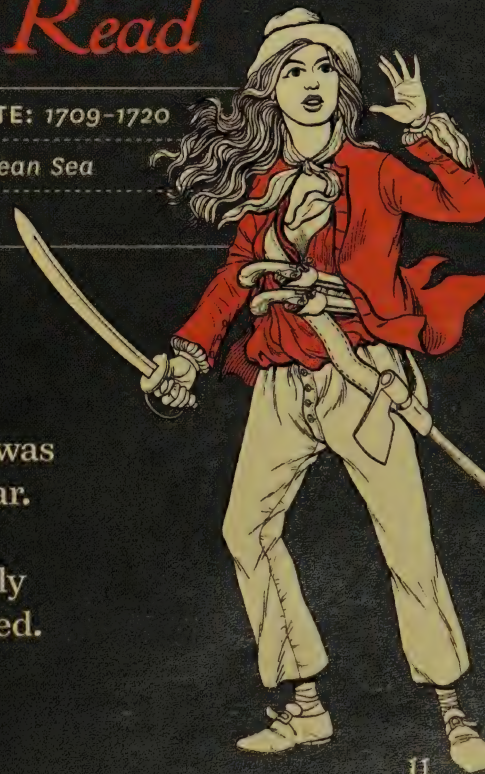
Mary Read

YEARS AS A PIRATE: 1709-1720

LOCATION: Caribbean Sea

SHIPS: *Revenge*

Mary Read joined Calico Jack in 1720. His ship was caught that year. Read was sent to trial. But only Jack was hanged.



GROG & GRUEL

Pirates sailed for weeks at a time. They kept fresh water in barrels. But water spoils. Yuck! So pirates added lime juice and spirits.

Their food spoiled too. It was full of bugs! They ate at night. They didn't want to see their food!



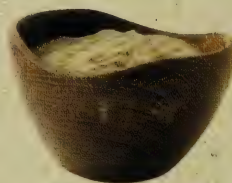
BATHROOM BREAK!

Most pirates had no bathroom. They had to go off the side of the ship!



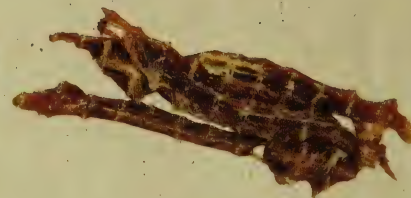
HARDTACK

Hardtack is a biscuit. It's made from flour, water, and salt.



GRUEL

Gruel is made from boiled grains.



SALTED MEATS

Salt helps meat last longer.



FRESH FRUITS

Fruits were picked on shore.



GROG

Lime juice and spirits kept the water fresh.



SEA TURTLES

Sea turtles were kept on the ship until eaten.

DANGERS OF PIRATE LIFE

BEING A PIRATE
SOUNDS COOL.
BUT IT WASN'T
ALL FUN AND
GAMES!

DISEASE AND INJURY

Pirates had poor diets. They were often sick.

Doctors and medicines were rare. Injured limbs had to be cut off! That's how pirates stopped infections.

Pirates lived on the water. But most couldn't swim. Many drowned.

DEADLY PUNISHMENT

The pirate code was strict. Pirates who broke it were often killed. Or they were left on deserted islands.



CUTLASS

A cutlass is a short sword. It has a curved blade.

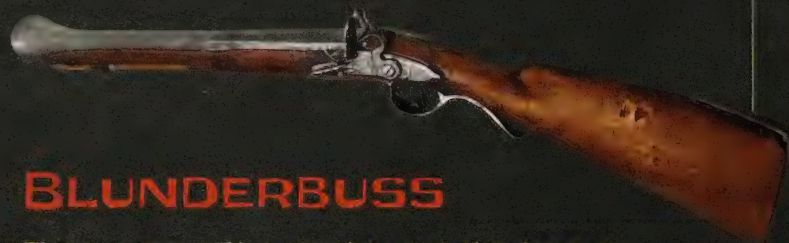


PIRATES

WEAPONS FROM THE

BLUNDERBUSS

This is a gun with a short barrel. It is loaded with **gunpowder** and lead balls.



PISTOL

Pistols are fired with one hand. Their range is short.



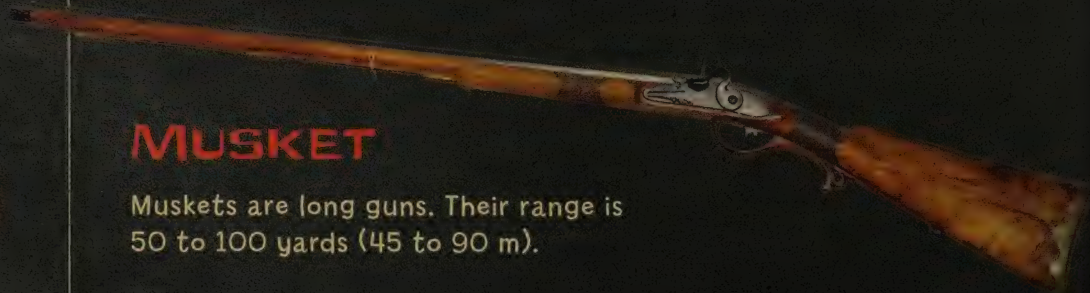
GRENADE

Grenades are filled with gunpowder. They have fuses inside.



MUSKET

Muskets are long guns. Their range is 50 to 100 yards (45 to 90 m).



TO ARMS!

GOLDEN AGE OF PIRACY



CANNON

A cannon shoots cannonballs. Some cannonballs weigh up to 42 pounds (19 kg)!

GRAPPLING HOOK

Pirates used them to hook onto other ships.



RAPIER

A rapier is a skinny sword. It has a sharp point.

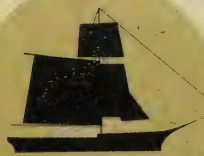
SWIVEL GUN

A swivel gun is a small cannon. It's on a stand that turns.



PIRATE SHIPS

A QUICK GUIDE FOR LANDLUBBERS



SLOOP



SCHOONER



BARQUE



BRIGANTINE



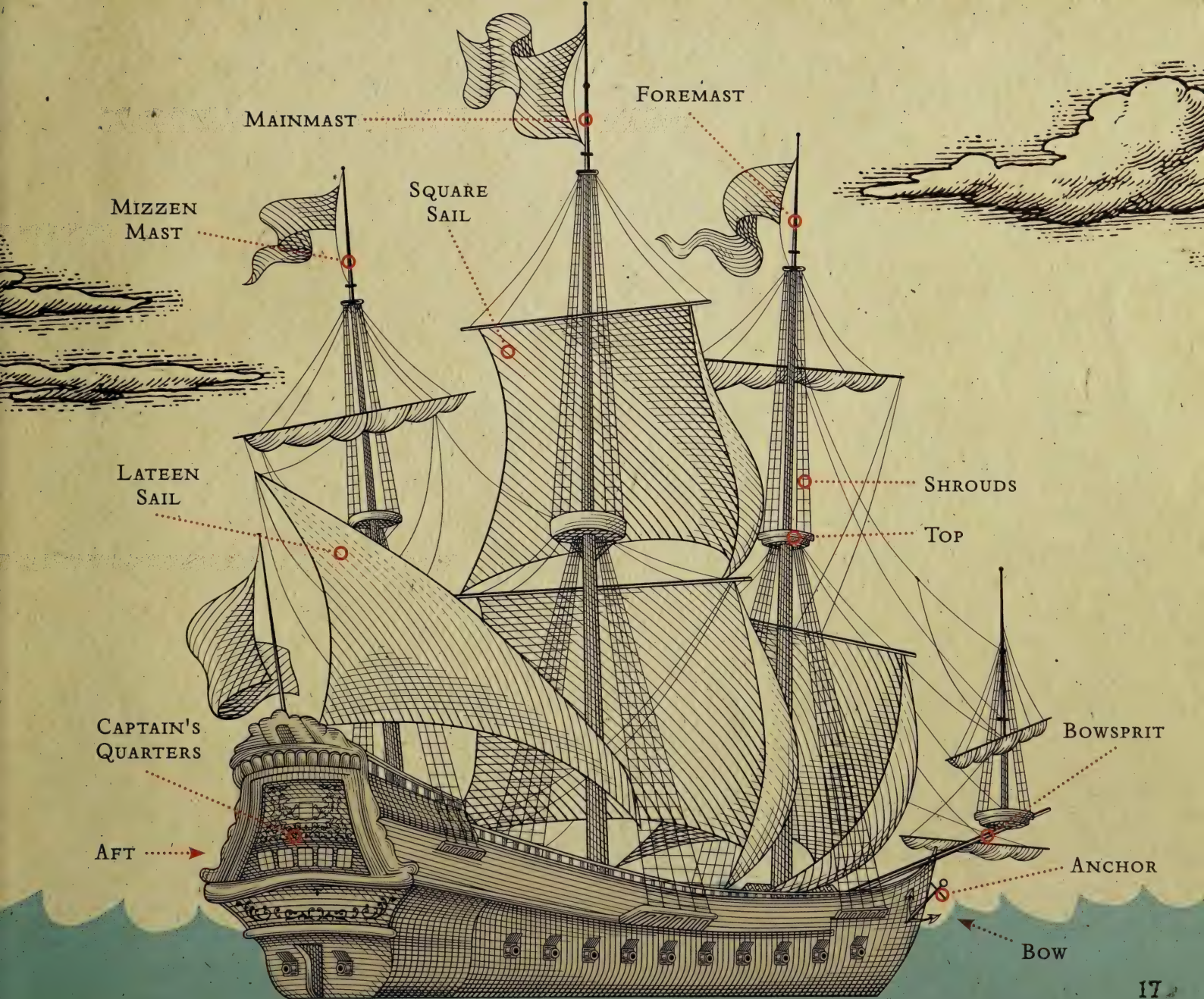
WARSHIP



FRIGATE

Most pirate ships were stolen **merchant** ships. Merchant ships were huge. They could haul a lot of goods. Pirates stole these goods along with the ships.

Pirates liked fast ships with a lot of cannons.



MAINMAST

FOREMAST

MIZZEN
MAST

SQUARE
SAIL

LATEEN
SAIL

SHROUDS

TOP

CAPTAIN'S
QUARTERS

AFT

BOWSPRIT

ANCHOR

BOW

THE JOLLY ROGER

A Jolly Roger is a pirate flag. Pirates liked to design their own. Some have skulls. Others have hearts. Some are red. Others are black. But they are all Jolly Rogers!



SAM BELLAMY



CALICO JACK



WALTER KENNEDY



EDWARD LOW



BLACKBEARD



STEDE BONNET

Pirates didn't raise the Jolly Roger often. They only raised it when they were close enough to attack another ship. The Jolly Roger would scare the other crew. Sometimes they would give up without a fight!



THOMAS TEW



HENRY EVERY



CHRISTOPHER
MOODY



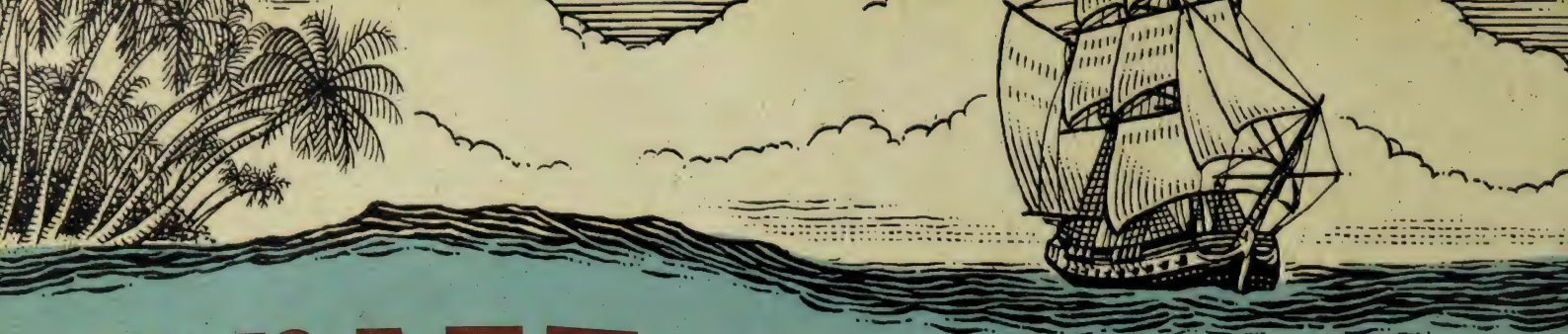
BLACK BART I



BLACK BART II



RICHARD WORLEY



PIRATE TREASURE

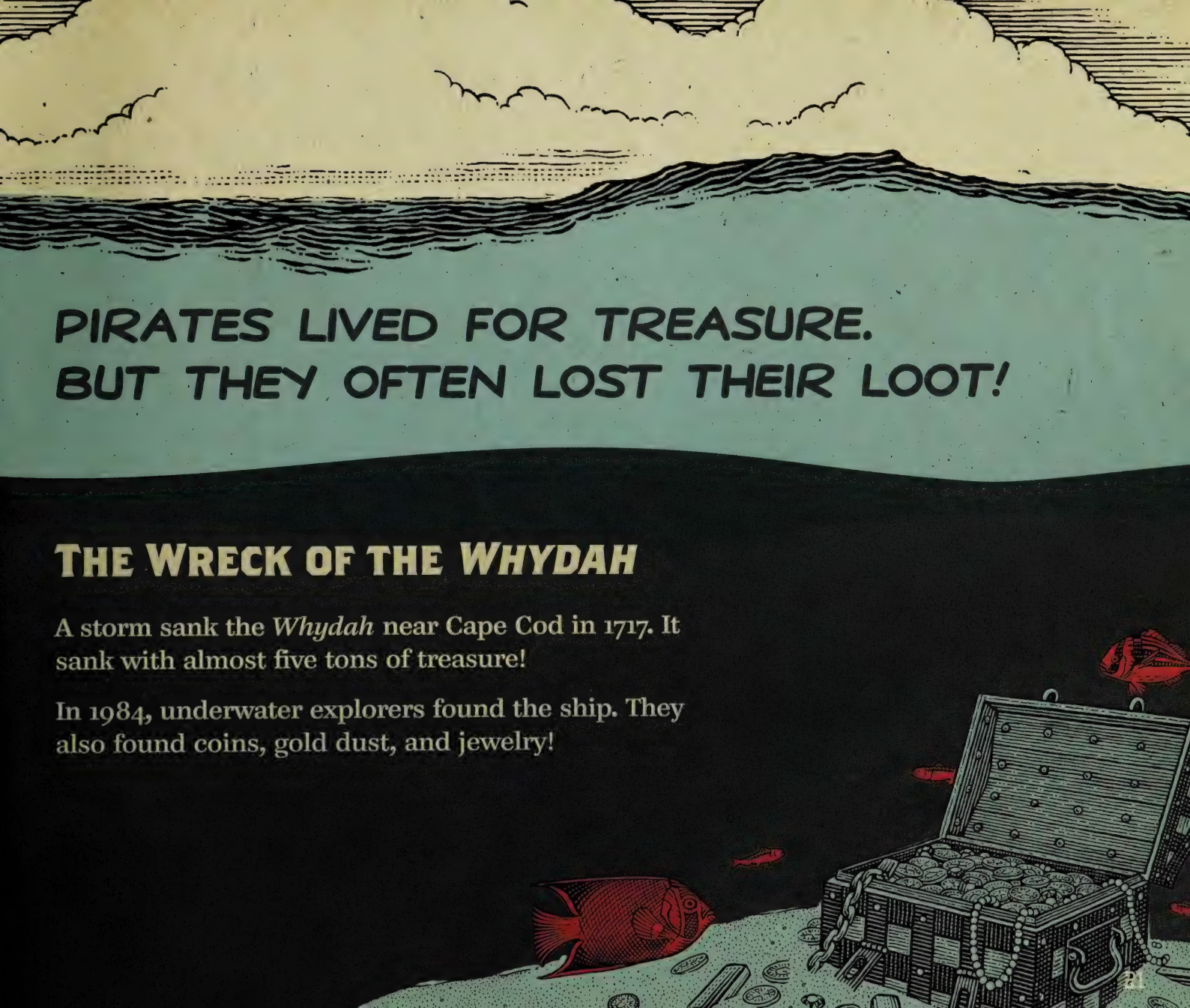


CAPTAIN KIDD'S BURIED TREASURE

Captain Kidd was a wanted pirate! So he sailed to New York in 1699. He wanted to tell the governor he was innocent. It was his only choice.

Would the governor believe him? Kidd didn't know. So he buried his treasure! He hid it on an island near New York.

The governor found Kidd guilty. He sent him to England for trial. He dug up Kidd's treasure too. Kidd was hanged in 1701.

The background of the page is a stylized illustration. The top half shows a yellow sky with black-outlined clouds. Below the sky is a blue ocean with black wavy lines representing waves. The bottom half of the page is a dark, black area representing the ocean floor. In the bottom right corner, there is a detailed illustration of an open treasure chest filled with gold coins. A string of pearls lies on the seabed next to the chest. Several red fish are scattered around the treasure. In the bottom left, there is a large red fish, possibly a snapper, and some gold coins and jewelry are scattered on the seabed.

**PIRATES LIVED FOR TREASURE.
BUT THEY OFTEN LOST THEIR LOOT!**

THE WRECK OF THE *WHYDAH*

A storm sank the *Whydah* near Cape Cod in 1717. It sank with almost five tons of treasure!

In 1984, underwater explorers found the ship. They also found coins, gold dust, and jewelry!

PIRATE JOKES



What has 12 arms,
12 legs, and 12 eyes?
A dozen pirates.

Why did the pirate
see a movie? *It was
rated Arrr.*

Where did the one-
legged pirate go for
breakfast? *The IHOP.*

How much does it cost
for a pirate to pierce his
ears? *A buck an ear!*

Why did the pirate get
his ship so cheaply?
Because it was on sail.

Why does it take pirates
so long to learn the
alphabet? *Because they
can spend years at C!*

WHAT DO YE KNOW ABOUT PIRATES?

1. PIRATES STEAL
ON LAND. **TRUE**
OR FALSE?

2. PIRATES MADE UP
THEIR OWN LAWS.
TRUE OR FALSE?

3. HARDTACK IS A
TYPE OF MEAT.
TRUE OR FALSE?

4. A JOLLY ROGER IS
A PIRATE FLAG.
TRUE OR FALSE?

ANSWERS: 1) FALSE 2) TRUE 3) FALSE 4) TRUE



GLOSSARY

DESERTER - someone who leaves a group or cause without permission and doesn't plan to return.

GUNPOWDER - a mixture of materials that explodes and is used in guns and cannons.

HARDY - strong and tough.

LOOT - things that have been stolen.

MERCHANT - having to do with trade, especially between different countries.

PRIVATEER - a person who has his or her country's permission to attack foreign ships.

SPIRITS - strong alcohol, such as whisky or gin.

SUPERSTITION - a belief that magic or luck can cause something to happen.



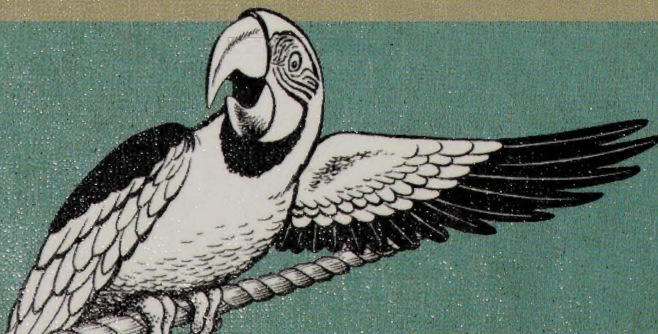


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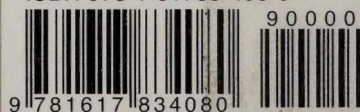
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